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1. On 16 February 5 radar sets and 50 cases of airplane parts arrived at Canton from Hankow. On 17 February this equipment was sent to T'ienho Airfield.
2. By mid-February six MIG-15 twin-engine jet planes had been assembled at T'ienho and White Cloud Airfields from parts stored at these fields, and all six had been given test flights.*
3. On 15 February Ma-ssu-t'o-pi-nu (馬斯托比奴) (? Mazutopin), commander of the Soviet 3 Air Squadron, and 54 Soviets of this unit arrived at Canton by train from Peiping. On 25 February they were all at White Cloud Airfield.**
4. On 15 February 68 naval technicians from Whampoa and Swatow, commanded by CHIANG I-ch'ing (江一青), a naval officer, went to Hainan from Whampoa aboard the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters landing craft CHIANGT'AI (江太) to receive training.
5. On 20 February a new wharf was being constructed at Whampoa Harbor and the harbor was being dredged. A Canton labor union recruited 230 Chinese Communist technicians for this project, and a number of Soviet engineers were also employed for this work. Soviet machinery is being used. Monthly wages for the technicians are from four to eight piculs of rice, depending on the ability of the individual.

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and T'ienho Airfields. The seven newly-assembled Soviet aircraft in paragraph 3 of that report may have been the MIG's reported here.

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